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Re the Application of:

Motoo KOYAMA, et al.

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Examiner: Hung Nguyen

For: OPTICAL APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF ALLOWED CLAIMS

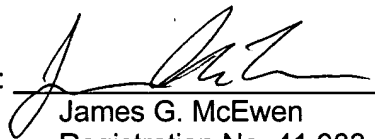
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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowability mailed August 20, 2003 in which the Examiner allows claims 1-4, 6-22, and 24-27, it is noted that claim 27 was cancelled in the Amendment filed July 25, 2003. As such, it is assumed that the Examiner intended to allow claims 1-4, 6-22, and 24-26. If this assumption is in error, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so advise the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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